



# New Germany Connections

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## Winter 2023

This is our last newsletter of the year and it seems like we should end it by the reflecting on our communities.

We hear it often, that we are so fortunate to be able to live here, in these Upper Lunenburg County communities, this province and this country. We cannot say all is perfect, but when we stop and compare to other parts of the world you can only sigh and say thank heavens we live here.

In this newsletter you will read about the groups and volunteers who work so hard to keep community halls (the heart of many communities) viable and about the volunteers who give their time to bring enjoyment to the community with events such as the Whimsical Store and the Livewires Countryside Forest.

We have three Remembrance Day services in our area so we can pause and remember our history. We share our good fortune widely when we support the IWK Toy Drive or the students who participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk.

We hope when you read this newsletter you see all the joy in our communities and do so with gratitude for where we live.

**Thank you for reading our Newsletter.**

## Community Events

- Bookmobile Tuesdays
- Community Café Thursdays
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 12 Christmas Market
- Nov 17 Naloxone Info NG&A Medical Centre
- Nov 18 Pinehurst Penny Auction
- Nov 24 Legion Karaoke
- Nov 25 Christmas Markets in the Loop
- Nov 26 4H Tree Lighting, MSM
- Nov 26 to Jan 2 Livewires Countryside Forest, MSM
- Dec 1 Legion Trivia
- Dec 2 Pinehurst Breakfast
- Dec 6 Indian Head Massage BC
- Dec 9 Whimsical Store
- Dec 9 Legion Dance
- Dec 11 P/M Museum Pot Luck & Auction
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 New Year 2024
- Jan 20 P/M Breakfast
- Feb 17 P/M Breakfast

**The mission statement of New Germany Area Promotion Society is: "NGAPS will strive to create a sustainable and vibrant community where people and businesses are encouraged to thrive." We will achieve this mission by supporting communications and partnerships both within and outside our community.**

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# Remembrance Day Services



## Service at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church Upper Northfield

November 11th service @ 9:00 am  
Cenotaph ceremony to follow.

## The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 102 New Germany

10:45 Gather at the Cenotaph, Epworth  
United Church, New Germany for the  
service.

Following service at the church there will  
be light refreshments at Branch 102,  
downstairs.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## PARKDALE/MAPLEWOOD REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Welcome/opening remarks - Singing of "O Canada" -  
Murray Goulden

10.40 - Commence with the laying of the wreaths -  
Rex Veinot

11.00 - Two Minutes Silence, Followed by the "Last  
Post" - Jeff Kaulback

- Remembrance Day Prayer - Pastor Sam Jess

- Those in attendance may lay their poppies at the  
Cenotaph before entering the church.

- Veterans are piped into the church - Paul Reeves

- "Lest WE Forget" - Murray Goulden

- Poem In Flanders Fields - Barbara Ross

- Acknowledgement of the Veterans in attendance.

Pastor Sam Jess

- Introduction of the Special Guest Speaker - Murray  
Goulden

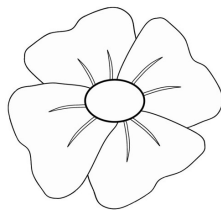
- Message of Special Speaker - Wallace Cross -  
Afghanistan Veteran

Closing Remarks

Singing of "God Save the King"

- Veterans are piped from the church - Paul Reeves

Please note that there will not be a luncheon this year  
and the wearing of a Virus Protection Mask is optional.



Photos New Germany Service 2022

# Hello from the Legion!

Well can you believe we hit November already? This is our month! We have lots lined up as usual for Remembrance Day, which falls on a Saturday this year.

The service starts at 10:45am, and anyone wanting to participate in it, personally or as a group, is welcome. Please contact Roger Caver 298-9334 for more information. And the more the merrier, as you can assume, we don't have the numbers that we used to, across the board, let alone for Remembrance day events. After the service there will be a gathering with light refreshments held downstairs in the Legion.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Poppy sales at Canadian Tire, we appreciate the help.

We are accepting all donations towards this day, if you'd like to personalize it with a wreath or a cross for a loved one, that is also possible. Contact Marjorie 644-2836 and she can help you out with that. Wreaths are \$50 and a cross is \$45.

In social news we have Karaoke with Darren on the 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 8pm (all welcome), and our annual Fall Market on the 25<sup>th</sup> - 10-2, free admission to get in, bake table and lots of local vendors. December 1<sup>st</sup> we have Trivia with the Quizmaster at 8pm, 7<sup>th</sup> we have our General meeting at 7pm, all members encouraged to attend.

December 9<sup>th</sup> we have our Ugly Christmas Sweater dance and tickets will soon be on sale here during business hours, please check our FB page out for our business hours. \$10 advance, \$15 at door, Legion members get in FREE.

Anyone wanting any information on how to become a Legion member or volunteer please reach out, new faces always welcome (and needed).

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## South Shore Public Libraries Mobile Library

Barss Corner @ Mader's  
General Store 12:30 -  
1:00 pm.

New Germany Elementary  
1:50 - 2:50 pm.

Rosedale New Horizons  
Club, 4978 Route 10 3:00  
- 4:30 pm.

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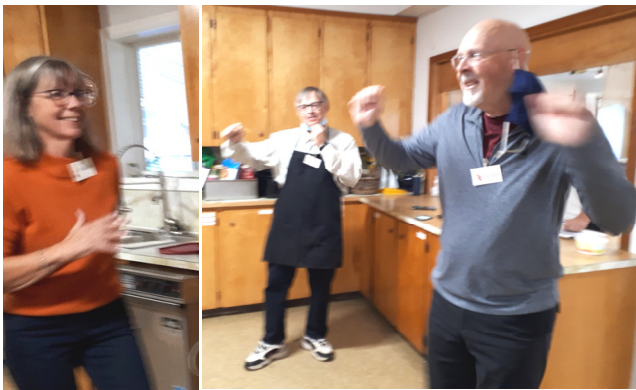
# The Community Café Celebrates 5 Years

In 2018, Clair McInnis and her husband John hosted the first Community Café at the Anglican Church Hall. Clair wanted to create a space where people in the area could gather and socialize as she felt it was important for people to get to know each other. She and John baked goodies and served the patrons. The first Café saw four people come to enjoy the coffee and company but they invited others to join them the next week and word soon spread and the popularity of the Café brought even more people in for a morning of friendship. When Clair and John moved to Hubbards, Pastors Catherine and Gordon coordinated volunteers to come and help, and the Café soon became a community event.



Today, any Thursday morning will see forty to seventy people gather at the hall. Some are regulars, but the summer cottagers come when they are in residence, and others drop in for a morning now and then. There are always lots of goodies to choose from, including gluten free and vegan options. Thanks to Debbie Lowe, the hall gets decorated for special occasions and the first Thursday of every month we celebrate those having a birthday that month.

Thursday mornings at the Café are for anyone in the area. Snacks and coffee are free, but donations are accepted. Come, have friendly conversations, meet new people and relax in a welcoming atmosphere.



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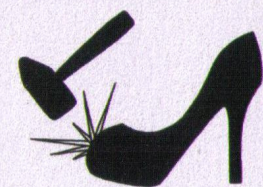
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# New Germany and Area IWK Toy Drive

The IWK Toy Drive is back again for its seventh consecutive year. Over the past seven years, the toy drive team has collected and purchased new toys and gift cards for the children and their families in the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax. Over the years, we have raised approximately \$130,000 in toys and gift cards as a community. We collect toys, gift cards and financial donations which we use to buy toys locally. Toys must be new, unopened, and unwrapped and gift cards are needed for groceries, restaurants, fuel, pharmacies, clothing, and other locations that would help those in need at the IWK.

This drive was started by NGRHS teacher Michael Wilson and his wife Jessica after their daughter Lydia contracted RSV as a newborn. During their stay in the IWK just before Christmas, they were provided toys for Lydia and their two other daughters Clara and Audrey. After this stay, the Wilsons vowed to pay back the hospital by starting a toy drive which runs each year.

The toy drive will be running until the end of November with the team delivering the toys to the IWK hospital in early to mid December (exact date to be set by the IWK). This will allow the IWK Child Life Services team time to sort and prepare the toys and donations for distribution to the kids and their families in time for Christmas.

This year, we have toy drop off locations at the following locations: Barss Corner Post Office, New Germany Post Office, Lantzalot Game Store and Boulangerie La Vendenne bakery, both in Blockhouse. More sites may be added soon.

If you have any questions about what or how to donate or if you would like to arrange a toy drive donation pickup, please email Michael Wilson at [ngtoydrive@gmail.com](mailto:ngtoydrive@gmail.com). Etransfer donations can also be sent to this email address. You can also follow us on Facebook at: New Germany and Area Christmas Toy Drive Society. Thank you to all who have donated to the toy drive and the IWK in the past and the present. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we work together as a community.




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## Upcoming Programs for Everyone:

**Christmas Shopping Bus Trip:** November 15 from 8:00am-8:00pm, Meet at WalMart parking lot

**Hug-A-Tree:** November 18 from 10:00am-11:00am, Riverport Community Centre

**Sensory Friendly Swim:** November 19 from 5:00pm-6:00pm, LCLC, Bridgewater

**Kids Holiday Bracelet Making:** November 25 from 10:00am-11:30am, Broad Cove Hall

**Holiday Wreath Making:** December 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall

**Festive Campfire:** December 3 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, MARC, Dayspring

**Indian Head Massage:** December 6 from 6:00pm-7:30pm, Barss Corner Community Hall

**Seniors Holiday Party:** December 14 from 11:00am-2:00pm, Best Western Plus Hotel, Cookville

For a complete list of programs or to register, visit [www.connect2rec.com](http://www.connect2rec.com), call (902) 530-4100, or stop into the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre (LCLC) in Bridgewater!



## Volunteer Awards 2024

*The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg appreciates and celebrates volunteerism in our communities. Do you know a deserving volunteer in your community we should know about? Nominations are being accepted for the following:*

**Representative Volunteer** - One volunteer (individual, couple, or group) will be selected to represent the District of Lunenburg at the 50<sup>th</sup> Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony.

**Municipal Reception** - Community organizations are invited to send two representatives to the Municipal Reception to be held during Volunteer Week.

For more information, visit [www.modl.ca](http://www.modl.ca), call (902) 541-1343, or email [recreation@modl.ca](mailto:recreation@modl.ca)



## Making a list? Give books by Jan Fancy Hull!

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- The Masthead News, 2023

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# LIVEWIRES COUNTRYSIDE FOREST

Support the Livewires 4H Club by purchasing and decorating a 4-5 foot tree in memory of a loved one, to promote your business or simply to celebrate the holidays. Cost of trees is \$30



Deadline to purchase your tree will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. Decorating will take place before November 19<sup>th</sup>

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## Livewires 4-H

Thank you for your support by purchasing a tree from Livewires 4H Club. Money from this fundraiser goes towards our club and community. If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of us and we can help you.

1. Trees can be decorated between the dates November 12-19th. **Tree lighting takes place on November 26th.**
2. Trees will be marked this year with flagging tape. Please ONLY decorate the tree marked with your name. This year we WILL NOT be providing toppers so you may decorate the tops of the tree as you wish.
3. To make it easier and not handling extension cords as much we ask you to put your lights starting from the top to the bottom so we can attach extension cords easily. Please be sure to have an extension cord meant for the outside with two prongs. Tuck your labeled extension cord under your tree where it can be found.
4. Tree lights will be shut off on January 2nd. We ask that all trees be undecorated January 2-6. We will remove trees on that weekend. Trees not undecorated before then will be boxed up and can be picked up from one of us. PLEASE DO NOT UNDECORATE OR UNPLUG YOUR TREE BEFORE JANUARY 2!
5. Payment will be done by cheque (Livewires 4H Club) or cash. Please contact one of us to pay. Monies need to be collected by November 15th.



## Country Christmas and Vintage Decor Sale

**Saturday & Sunday  
November 18th and 19th**  
 Sat. 10am - 4pm and Sun. 10am - 2pm

*Come and see us at the  
Somerset Home and School  
41st Annual Christmas Craft Fair  
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# International Students at NGRHS

The Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) is celebrating its 25th anniversary and has welcomed thousands of international students to local schools immersing them in Canadian culture and education. The NSISP is one of the largest programs of its kind in Canada and welcomes students from grade 7 to grade 12 for one month, two months, three months, a semester or full year. Some students come to do their high schooling here, graduate and attend our universities. This year in Nova Scotia there are approximately 1200 international students attending our schools from one end of the province to the other. While living in Nova Scotia, students are placed with an approved homestay family, who will make them a part of their family. They provide support, share their traditions and culture and showcase our beautiful area. The program offers learning experiences to not only the international students but their host families, schools and communities as well.

In September, 19 international students from 8 different countries - Spain, Chile, Italy, France, Germany, Mexico, Brazil and Japan started school at New Germany Rural High School. NGRHS is a very welcoming school to have such an active and unique program that allows students to experience other cultures, learn about different traditions, meet new people from around the world while learning an additional language. These 19 international students coming to New Germany and surrounding area can count on having a friendly face to talk to and plenty of chances to get out and experience all the amazing things that make this place so special.

October 4th was the start of a Short Term - 8 week Canadian experience for 22 international students and two chaperones from Colombia. The New Germany and surrounding area is fortunate to have 3 of these students- Mariangel, Luisa and Fiorella attend NGRHS and live with a local host family. Since they have been here they have made new friends both Canadian and International, joined in school activities, seen our local area and volunteered at a community breakfast. A few of the things the students have noticed since they arrived are the beautiful colours of the fall leaves, the friendly people, how safe they feel and how wonderful the host families are. They enjoyed ice skating for the first time, seeing a waterfall at Indian Falls and riding in the big yellow school bus. The one thing they are hoping is to see before they return home on December 1st is snow. Seeing snow for the first time would be magical.

As a homestay coordinator with the NSISP program, it's my job to give a potential host family the information and support they need to host and have a successful experience with an international student. Without our host families, these international students would not be able to participate in this program and have their once-in-a-lifetime, Nova Scotian experience. I enjoy watching the international students and host families create that bond that connects two countries and leads to a lifetime friendship.

The Nova Scotia International Student Program is always looking for host families. If you would like more information on becoming a host family and hosting an international student, please contact Eva Cook at 902-521-8532 or email [ecook@ssrce.ca](mailto:ecook@ssrce.ca)



**Hon. Susan Corkum-Greek,**  
MLA for Lunenburg

## New Germany Office Hours

*By appointment only*

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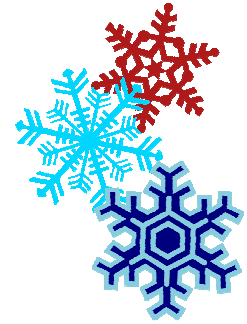
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*From Columbia - Mariangel, Fiorella and Luisa*





HEY KIDS!  
Let's go shopping!

## ANNUAL CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS WHIMSICAL STORE

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 1 pm  
at the New Germany Anglican Hall

This is a free event for children (all ages), to  
shop for their loved ones for the Holidays.

A donation bucket will be on site and any  
donations will go to supporting local  
families in need.

Santa's elves will be on hand to assist with  
shopping and gift wrapping.

If you have any questions, or items to donate to the  
"store", please contact Jesse at (902) 514 7228.

We accept gently used items, gift wrap and  
gift bags.  
Thank you.



## Connecting in our Communities - Union Square

A small group of teenagers in the mid'60's were concerned as to what would happen to the school building in Union Square now that students were being bussed to the New Germany Rural High and Elementary Schools. One young lady had an idea that the young people of the area might be able to raise enough money to buy the school so it could be used for a youth gathering place and for community events. The teens talked it over and set to action! One man, who was young at the time, tells how he and his sister drove their bikes over the dirt roads, asking at almost every house for people to buy raffle tickets on a quilt. They organized variety shows in Barss Corner, card parties, dances, bean and salad suppers and when the auction was held in July 1965 they were ready. There were many tense moments as the bids were made. There was mounting concern as a man kept outbidding them. Finally, a Mrs. Eisener went over to have a word with him. When she explained that the young people had raised money to buy it for a Youth Hall, he immediately stopped bidding. The school sold for \$320 and by September 1965 the property was officially deeded to the 'Trustees of Union Square Youth Hall'.

The youth, as well as church and community, made good use of it as a gathering place for card parties, dances, fun as well as 'fun'draising' events to pay for maintenance and a few upgrades.

By 2012, there were many changes in the community, but still a great interest in maintaining a gathering space in the community. The 'Union Square Community Hall Association' was formed. Grants and fundraising enabled many upgrades including new electrical wiring, insulation, a drilled well, kitchen remodelling, a new washroom, a heat pump, painting, a storage shed, a new sign. It continues to be a welcoming, well used space in the community suitable for gatherings for 5 to 65 people.

At the Hall, you may find people gathering to work on their personal craft projects, people paying Dungeons and Dragons, doing Yoga, playing cards. There's a 'Bake-Off' Challenge in November, Seedy Saturday in February, Plant Sale in May. In September, there was what is hoped will become an annual BBQ; and in December a Community Christmas Potluck. It is well used for family celebrations and I've been told some children refer to it as the 'birthday house'. To book the hall or for more info phone 902-644-3459; 902-541-4788; email [uscha4505@gmail.com](mailto:uscha4505@gmail.com) or watch the sign out front. There is also a Facebook page 'Union Square Hall Community', and there is a Hall Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

As rural Nova Scotia was being settled by Europeans in the 1700's and 1800's, settlers moved inland to places like the Union Square area from both the South Shore and Annapolis Valley. Some of the earliest were probably Feindels who moved from New Germany and built a home at the foot of the lake where the cemetery is now. In 1837, William Ross who lived in Lunenburg, received a large Crown grant in the Union Square area. He never lived here but sold lots to people with names like Morton, DeLong, Fancy, Feindel, Dunn and Young. He also bought more land and sold a large amount of land to a William Kidston of Glasgow, Scotland who in turn sold them, as 'Kidston lots' in various sized lots from 25 -100 acres and the community began to grow.

It's not exactly that all roads lead to Union Square but the four roads that come together at the centre of the 'Square' -the Ramey Road, the Cornwall Road to Barss Corner, the Cornwall Road to Blockhouse, the Mackay Road - connect the community to all the nearby communities. In 1883, there was a meeting held to get plans underway for the building of a community school. By 1885 there was a building and a school enrollment of 36 students. From 1885 to 1949, many teachers came to the community, all of them women except one, Percy Hupman, who met his wife here and many will remember him as a high school teacher. In 1944, Marguerite Fancy came to teach, and except for one year away, taught here until 1965 when the schools were consolidated. In 1947 she married Kenneth Seamone, and their home was just around the corner on the Ramey Road in sight of the school.



In the early years of the community, church services were held at the schoolhouse. Just after the turn of the century, work began on a church building. Land was given, supplies and labour donated and in 1913, the 6<sup>th</sup> Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia came to consecrate St Paul's Anglican Church. The story is told that when it came time to place the cross on the steeple, Jacob Oickle climbed up the staging and with one foot balanced himself on the pinnacle of the steeple. My first connection with Union Square was on Easter Sunday 1967 when the rector, Rev James Purchase, after having Sunday dinner with my family, invited me to come to Union Square to play a "few Easter hymns" for their afternoon service. It was the first of many services I shared there in various roles over the next 52 years. The faithful gathered for worship and for fellowship in times of joy and in times of sorrow as seasons and life passages were celebrated there. The church served the community until 2019 when, because of declining numbers, it was deconsecrated and sold. The bell which was made in Boston and installed in the tower in 1915 has been removed and is in the process of being mounted in the Union Square Cemetery.



The church has been purchased by David Young who is considering the wonderful music possibilities of the building, perhaps concerts, perhaps recording, stay tuned! (pun intended)

Many new people have moved to inhabit homes and farms in Union Square but the largest growth has been in the numerous homes and cottages on Indian Lake and Lake Peter. Many roads lead from the Cornwall Road toward the lakes. There is a newsletter for Indian Lake residents (and perhaps other interested area residents). The newsletter has been created and distributed since April of 2022. 'We started it when we decided to build community by getting people to contribute to the purchase and installation of an AED.' If you're interested receiving the newsletter or contributing an article contact crolfe62@hotmail.com or steven.gaetz@bellaliant.net



Union Square, though ever-changing, continues to be a welcoming community to residents and neighbours alike.

Ever enjoying the rich stories of our communities...Catherine Robar, with thanks for the conversations and information to Venita Nass, Sherman Veinot, Kathy Saville, Nathan Moynan, Steven Gaetz, David Young. The book Around the Corner, Homes and Stories of the Barss Corner Area 1838-2021, compiled by Marlean (Taylor) Rhodenizer was a rich source of information.



The community planters with their autumn decorations. Watch for their winter finery coming soon. Thanks Jesse.



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## New Germany & Area Medical Centre Celebrates 30 Years!

30 Years ago the New Germany & Area Medical Centre was completed and officially opened on December 5, 1993. The Centre was a labour of love for the members of the community who contributed so much time and effort into designing, fundraising and construction. The members of the communities surrounding the Centre had a vision and the Centre today stands as a testament to their generosity and perseverance.

The current Board of Directors is so proud to be able to carry on that tradition with the support of our communities. As the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is celebrated, the Board is working to update the facility with new painting of many of the rooms and continued maintenance to improve and modernize many parts of the building.

The New Germany & Area Medical Centre will continue for many years into the future, a facility that should bring pride to all residents.

## New Germany & Area Medical Centre

There will be a Pap Clinic in the spring. Watch for the date in the Spring newsletter.



Naloxone Info Session and Training Nov. 17th, 6 to 8pm at Medical Centre.  
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Congrats to NGRHS Senior Girls soccer team winning the Western Regional Division 3 in October.



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# New Germany Rural High School in the Community

It has been a great start to the school year with lots of activities, community involvement, and a positive environment at the school. The staff, students, parents and community have been very welcoming.

Over the past few months, we have been busy engaging with the community. Our leadership class organized a successful Terry Fox run/walk around the community to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Thank you to the Bridgewater Fire Department Band who came out and held a performance at the school in support of our newly reinstated music program! It was great to see community members come out and enjoy the evening. Jason Greek and Marlene Blezy have been instrumental in supporting the return of the music program this year.

Several of our grade 7 students have been working hard at peeling, coring, slicing and drying apples so that we continue to have healthy snacks readily available to our students throughout the winter. We sincerely appreciate the donations of hard apples by the New Germany Lions Club, DeLong Farms and community members. We are still happy to take donations of hard apples as we have many more students who would like to participate in producing the healthy snacks! It is wonderful to see students taking pride in turning the donations from the community into much needed snacks for their peers.

Our O2 students have had the amazing opportunity to explore the lands at Asitu'lisk (Formerly Windhorse Farms) and learn about inoculating the hemlock trees against the Woolly Adelgid. The students tagged trees and worked with the staff to help prevent the invasive HWA from destroying the beautiful and ancient hemlocks.

We would like to extend our gratitude as well to Canada Post for a significant grant provided to Mike Wilson's agriculture program this year. We have been awarded \$1000 to purchase more trees for our gardens. We hope to be able to produce more fruit that our students can not only enjoy fresh, but also dehydrated throughout the years to come.

We appreciate the support of the community in the education of our students and the programming that we can offer. We hope to see continued community engagement with the school throughout the year. If anyone in the community has ideas or would like to partner with us, please feel free to reach out to the school.

~Ruth Wilkins, Principal



*Bridgewater Fire Department Band introduced by Cora Buchanan*



*NGRHS O2 students inoculating hemlock trees at Asitu'lisk (formerly Windhorse Farm)*



*Grade 7 students peeling, coring, slicing and drying apples donated by DeLong Farms, the Lions Club and community members*



*Our leadership class leading the way with the Terry Fox walk/Run.*

## On Screen in 1950's at the York Theater New Germany

Did we watch Christmas movies on the big screen in New Germany? Here is a listing of December movies at the York Theater and is there a Christmas movie among them?

Dec 1-2 **1950**: Wyoming Bandit  
Streets of San Francisco

8-9 San Antonio Ambush  
Alias the Champ

15-16 Navajo Trail Raiders  
Unmasked

22-23 Pioneer Marshall  
Tarnished

29-30 Sunset in the West  
Super Wolf

Nov 30- Dec 1 **1951**: Rio Grande  
7-8 Copper Canyon

14-15 Insurance Investigation  
Restless on Horseback

21-22 Branded

28-29 Spoilers of the Plains

Dec 8-9 **1952**: Belles on Their Toes  
12-13 Woman of the North Country

19-20 Colorado Sundown  
Street Bandit

26-27 Stormbound  
Leadville Gunslinger

Nov 30-Dec 1 **1953**: Mississippi Gambler

4-5 Down Dakota Way

7-8 Too Young to Kiss

11-12 Lone Hand

18-19 Abbot and Costello Go to Mars

24-25 Bend of the River

Dec 3-4 **1954**: Annie Oakley

10-11 Return of Badmen

17-18 Tarzan and the Slave Girl

22 Thunderhead

24-25 Pony Soldier

Dec 2-3 **1955** Stranger on Horseback

5-6 Heidi

9-10 Robber's Roost

16-17 Brave Warrior

23-24 Apache

26-27 Living It Up

Nov 30-Dec 1 **1956** Americano

7-8 Gun That Won the West

14-15 Apache Ambush

Hunters of the Deep

21-22 Tarzan Hidden Jungle

28-29 Cattle Queen of Montana



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From Blaine & Julie*



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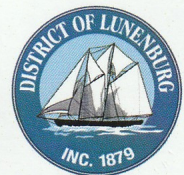
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## Looking for a Great Christmas Gift?

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Lunenburg County Wheels is a non-profit organization which provides transportation by van or accessible minibus in western Lunenburg County, for a reasonable fee (five to fifteen dollars, depending on the distance).

Rides can be booked for any reason – going to the Community Café on Thursday morning, an appointment at the Medical Centre or in Bridgewater or to just visit a friend. Rides are booked at least 24 hours in advance by calling 902-543-2255.

Rides can be paid for when they are used, but a punch card is convenient and allows people to access the service any time of the month. Punch cards are in \$25 or \$50 amounts and can be purchased from the van drivers, or by calling 902-521-2202 for pick up at 100 High Street, Bridgewater.

**You can also get punch cards locally** from Deb at the Community Café on Thursday mornings, or by calling 902-521-7791.



## What's at the Museum?

### Snowball hammers

were used to remove excess snow and ice from horseshoes. Most hammers are made of iron and often have snap rings or hooks that can easily clip onto a horse's harness. Blacksmiths gave snowball hammers as gifts to customers. The hammers served as small tokens of appreciation for their loyal business, as well as a way for blacksmiths to practice and demonstrate their skills.



The Museum is closed for the season. They will reopen in May 2024.



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# The History of the Parkdale/Maplewood Community Hall



The Parkdale / Maplewood Community Hall located at 3003 Barss Corner Road has seen its fair share of changes over the years. Here is some insight on how it progressed from an Agricultural Society to the present Community Hall.

In 1940 the Parkdale / Maplewood Agricultural Society was formed and it operated out of the Macabee Hall. In 1950-51 it moved to an old farmhouse on the present site. The main purpose of the society was to improve farm production. The society was able to cook and serve meals to assist in fundraising. They also purchased a "dairy bull" for \$500.00 for breeding purposes. A member was charged one dollar for use of the bull for breeding their own herd.

1950/51 saw the beginnings of an annual "Fair Day" on the grounds. Before this the "Fair Days" were held at different farms within the community. The event was well known for the oxen, horse and pony pulls. The most popular event was the tug-of-war competition. Our local team was successful, going on to capture other Maritime competitions. Later, Christmas tree competition, wrestling, children's games, and a parade were added to the fun filled event. Hot meals were served at noon and supper.

The growing, thriving communities of Parkdale and Maplewood soon outgrew the farmhouse. A new facility was needed to host community meetings, community events, recreation and local social groups. In 1972 the old house was torn down and our new present-day hall was built. Pieces of the old farmhouse were used to make small canteens on the property. The last Fair Day as we knew it was held on August 9, 2003. It was discontinued for reasons beyond the community's control. For example, the Government introduced new stringent rules on how and where food was prepared. Rising insurance costs and fewer volunteers to help prepare and run the event added to the decision to cancel the event.

Farming was becoming more of a hobby rather than a means of making a living with families in the community. The Society recognized changes were required to better meet the needs of the community. In September 2005, the Parkdale / Maplewood Agricultural Society changed its name to the Parkdale / Maplewood Community Centre Association.

In 1996, weekly card parties and penny auctions were held throughout the year to raise funds for the hall. Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteers both fund-raising events were cancelled. Fund raising then began to focus on the successful breakfasts held throughout the year. Currently there are nine to ten breakfasts held each year which is now the main fund-raising event. On average 265 to 340 people are served a delicious breakfast. It takes approximately twenty-two volunteers to cook, serve and clean-up for each breakfast. Thankfully with the help of the Livewires 4-H Club and volunteers from the community everyone who attends will leave with a full belly and the latest local news or gossip!

The Parkdale / Maplewood 4-H began in 1943. Known as the Livewires, they are celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The group has use of the community hall for their meetings and the grounds. Their annual Achievement Day is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August. The community and hall executive recognize they are an intricate part of making the community breakfasts successful.

The hall is available for rent. Equipped with a full kitchen, tables and chairs and a stage. It has hosted many social events including weddings, reunions, receptions, Christmas concerts and community meetings such as road associations. The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg has hosted events in the hall such as the senior's corn boil, children's pumpkin day and polling station. The Parkdale Maplewood Museum utilized the hall and grounds for their annual Blueberry Festival which attracted over four hundred people. Other uses included residents raising money to assist community members with medical costs and hosting events to raise money to help maintain the building and grounds.

Looking for opportunities to utilize the hall and enhance community spirit, the hall has partnered with the YMCA to make sporting equipment available to the community. The hall committee, 4-H Livewires, Parkdale Maplewood Museum along with the YMCA all worked together to make this project a reality. Young and old have access to ring toss, washer toss, bean bag toss, disc golf, walking track poles, pickle ball equipment, snowshoes, soccer nets and much more. This equipment is now available for use and just needs to be signed out.





Repairs are a fact of life for a building that sees as much use as our Community Hall. A new steel roof was installed in July 2016. Grants from The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MoDL), the Province of Nova Scotia and donations from organizations and individuals made the new roof possible.

Heating the hall is by far the highest operating cost. In 2016 the hall began investigating more efficient heating options. It was also recognized the need to improve air quality and cooling to add to the breakfast experience in the sweltering summer mornings. Heat pumps were identified by qualified companies submitting proposals. With the assistance and guidance from Susan Corkum-Greek, our MLA, Terry Meisner and Ted Cooke, grant requests were submitted to the provincial government and MoDL. Both levels of government stepped up along with the hall revenues covering the shortfall. The heat pumps were installed in July 2023.

Repairs and upgrades are required to keep the hall compliant with today's health regulations. Recently a major plumbing upgrade of new plastic piping, sink taps, and filtration system was completed. Many thanks to our local businesses for their continued support.

The committee is continually investigating ways to make improvements for ways the public can make use of the facilities. When we dream, we dream big. We would love to have a children's playground, an outdoor Pickleball court, make improvements including a new roof to our outbuilding which has been called "the Bingo Hall" or the "Dance Hall."

The hall committee board members are Chairperson Ted Cooke, Secretary Terry Meisner, Treasurer Joanne Veinotte. The committee meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday night of each month (except December) at the hall at 7:00 pm. We would encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming events: December 11, the museum is hosting a fundraising Christmas potluck supper followed by a Chinese auction with fabulous prizes. It is a fun evening, and we hope to see you there. For more information, please contact Donna Arenburg 902-644-3421.

Yoga instruction and Pickleball nights are being investigated. More information to follow.

Next Breakfast will be held January 20, 2024, 7am to 10:30 am

Contact Information:

Hall Rental Joanne Veinotte 902-644-2877 \*Sports Equipment Terry Foster 902-644-7152

Donna Arenburg 902-644-3421 \*Ted Cooke 902-644-3436

I would like to acknowledge and thank Joanne Veinotte, Terry Meisner, Jack and Barb Wentzell for sharing their knowledge of the hall history. ~Sandy Hagell



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# From the Lions Den

~Lion Carol Knell & Lion Pat Wentzell

The leaves are changing and falling from the trees; another season comes and goes; Halloween, then we are on to Christmas. The Lions have been keeping busy as usual.

In September, we had our Apple Pie and Apple Day. It was a great success, we bagged over 352 bags of Macs and Cortlands and made close to 500 pies. We couldn't have done it without all the help from our great community volunteers. Everyone enjoyed the time together. Bonus, many people had delicious apple pies for Thanksgiving.

We had our first dinner meeting in our new Hall and it was a great success. Our guest of honour was 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Karen Lavigne and her husband Lion Paul joining us. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Karen spoke briefly about Lions and future vision for Lions. We gifted 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Karen with a beautiful handmade stained glass Lions emblem, made by Village Glassworks, a real treasure. She also inducted our 2 newest Lions, Lion Dani and Lion Rose. Lion Dani is our Baby Lion and is looking forward to having fun with that. King Lion Donnie presented Lion Brenton, one of our Charter members, with a very special Melvin Jones pin. Lion Brenton's wife was in attendance for the presentation.

We are always looking to add new members, if you are interested just reach out to any Lion. Come help out and see if it's a fit for you.

The Lions, New Horizon Seniors and the Masons had a Cold Plate Take out October 30<sup>th</sup> and all monies raised going to replace the floor in the Masons Hall. We are accepting items for a Yard Sale in the Spring, all items except books. Contact any Lion for further information. Watch out for our next Penny Auction and Merchandise Bingo. There will be information coming out in the near future.

Lions continue to collect eyeglasses, pop can tabs, hearing aids and Sleep Apnea machines. If you have any donations, please contact a Lion and we will gladly take them.

Health and Wellness continues to help those in need in our communities. If you have a need that we may be able to help with or know of someone who may be in need please reach out to Lion Pat Wentzell at 902-212-2471. Lion Pat is also the contact person if you need to borrow any medical equipment. We have beds, commodes, canes, walkers and more, just call and ask.

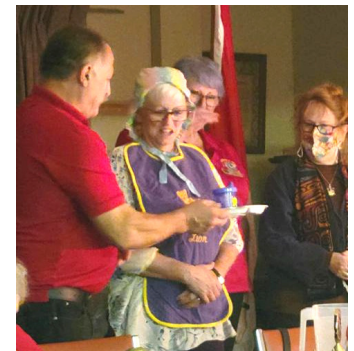
Lions are involved with CKBW weekly Bingo and also help out at Rosedale Home once a month for a fun evening of Bingo with the residents.

The red bins are being filled frequently and we are happy about that. We accept everything but books, furniture and electronics. If you have any of those items, please do not leave them by the bins please take them elsewhere. Thank you.

Our meeting nights are changing starting in November. We will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. This works well for us and the Seniors group.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events. Remember where there is a need there is a Lion.

The New Germany & Area Medical Center is excited to announce a Giving Tree will be displayed in our waiting room. Organized by the Lions Club who will be working with the Salvation Army to get tags for children in our communities that could use a special gift this year! If interested in selecting a name from the Giving Tree, we welcome you to stop by the Medical Center, Monday-Thursday 9-4 starting late November.



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# Introducing Newcomers Jennifer & Dave

This is the story of how newcomers Jennifer and Dave Robb made their way from Scotland to Union Square via Costa Rica because of Lynyrd Skynyrd, a big snake and a cat named Zoe.

It's 2002. Jennifer and her son move from Ontario to Scotland. She leaves behind a career in radio as a writer and creative director, discovers her accent prevents her from breaking into the UK market, so she works in marketing. Later, at age 16, her son decides to return to Canada. Jennifer considers doing the same, but a voice in her head says, "you're not done here."

She then gets an unsolicited call asking her to interview for a marketing job she's unlikely to get. It's bizarre, but she goes anyway. The unpleasant meeting changes the moment the interviewer's phone rings. Jennifer recognizes the ring tone as "Sweet Home Alabama" and confesses to also being a Skynyrd fan. She gets the job and that's where she meets recently-separated, father of two, Dave, the technical director who later becomes the love of her life. She still marvels at the odd twists and turns that brought them together.

Fast forward to early 2020. Still in Scotland. Their respective children have grown and the couple decides to retire in Costa Rica. Due to Covid disruptions, they manage the long distance building of a house. Just as it's finished, the contractor sends a photo of a 10-foot boa constrictor on their property. That's a big problem for Zoe the cat. "She's our baby," Jennifer says. "She's 14 years old. There's no way Zoe's ever going to escape a boa constrictor."

They can't leave Zoe behind, so Jennifer suggests they look at Nova Scotia instead. Neither has been here before, so they book a week and drive around. "This whole search that we'd been doing - literally around the globe - looking for natural beauty, simple living, but more than anything, a sense of community, we discovered it's all here in Nova Scotia." She cries when they leave.

Back in Scotland, Jennifer wakes Dave one night to show him the listing for a 5-acre property on Skull Lake. After a virtual tour, they're sold. They replace a run-down trailer with a converted bus and deck she finds on Facebook marketplace. And when they arrive, they're greeted by amazing neighbours, including Darren Haley, the unofficial mayor of Natural Forest Lake Rd., who goes above and beyond to make them feel welcome.

When they realize they need a place to winter, the couple finds a cabin in Franey Corner. They spend 10 months renovating. It's stunning! Although they have a new septic system and flush toilet, Jennifer



proudly shows off the "prettiest outhouse in all of Nova Scotia."


Jennifer is now a happiness coach, nutritionist with a focus on the vegan diet, and a teacher of heartfelt meditation. I've genuinely enjoyed our afternoon together and find myself still savouring her pearls of wisdom. I'll leave you with a couple.

"When you live in alignment with your purpose, everything is easy. When people say, 'I don't know what my purpose is,' I say, 'look back to your childhood. Look back to the things you did as a kid, because then it came naturally to you. When you got up in the morning, what were those things that you wanted to do; had the freedom to do?'"

"The thing that I love most about Nova Scotia is the people. Not all the people, but we have found *our* people here, and we know they're our people because they appreciate the beauty of nature, the importance of friendship and the value of enough."

*The value of enough. Wise words.*

~Interview by Nancy Radcliffe

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